

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~(5)~~ for making pods ~~(4)~~ containing respective doses ~~(4)~~ of an infusion product, the apparatus comprising: revolving drum conveyor means ~~(6)~~ with pockets ~~(7)~~ uniformly distributed on it; a line ~~(B)~~ for feeding a first web ~~(12)~~ of filter material which feeds the first web ~~(12)~~ to the conveyor means ~~(6)~~; actuating means ~~(8)~~ for moving the first web ~~(12)~~ against the pockets ~~(7)~~ on the revolving drum conveyor means ~~(6)~~ to form on the first web ~~(12)~~ a series of impressions ~~(L)~~; and a second line ~~(A)~~ for feeding a second web ~~(11)~~ of filter material; ~~the apparatus being characterised in that~~ wherein the actuating means ~~(8)~~ comprise, for each pocket ~~(7)~~ on the revolving drum conveyor means ~~(6)~~, at least one forming head ~~(13)~~ coupled with the pocket ~~(7)~~ itself, the forming head ~~(13)~~ being mobile towards and away from the pocket ~~(7)~~ so that it the forming head is pressed into the web ~~(12)~~ and impresses the web ~~(12)~~ in the pocket ~~(7)~~ to form the respective impression ~~(L)~~; and suction means ~~(14)~~ acting on the web ~~(12)~~ at the pocket ~~(7)~~ in synchrony with the forming head ~~(13)~~.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~ further comprising reciprocating pusher means ~~(20)~~ pressing on the head ~~(13)~~ in such manner as to push the head ~~(13)~~ into the pocket ~~(7)~~ and forming the impression ~~(L)~~ in the first web ~~(12)~~ in conjunction with the suction means ~~(14)~~ acting on the pocket ~~(7)~~ itself.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the suction means ~~(14)~~ are designed to hold the first web ~~(12)~~ and the forming head ~~(13)~~ within the pocket ~~(7)~~ for a defined length of time while the revolving drum conveyor means ~~(6)~~ turn.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterised in that ~~wherein~~ the forming head (13) comprises a rigid pressing element (13a) whose shape and size match the shape and size of the pocket (7) ~~it~~ the forming head is coupled with.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterised in that ~~wherein~~ the forming head (13) ~~consists of~~ includes a rigid fram-like plate and a membrane (13b) of flexible material mounted in and perimetally fixed to ~~a~~ the rigid, frame-like plate (13c).

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, characterised in that ~~wherein~~ each forming head (13) is associated with a stabilising plate (15) designed to stabilise the respective edges of the first web (12) at the pocket (7) to enable the top of the pocket (7) to be substantially closed during the step of impressing the first web (12).

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 6, characterised in that ~~it comprises~~ further comprising elastic interposition means (16) located between the forming head (13) and the stabilising plate (15).

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterised in that the forming head (13) ~~is acted upon by~~ further comprising first cam drive means (17) that acting on the head to move the head (13) towards and away from the revolving drum conveyor means (6) over the respective pocket (7) in a direction parallel to the axis of rotation (X) of the revolving drum means (6) themselves; and second cam drive means (19) that acting on the head to move the head (13) towards or away from the respective pocket (7) on the revolving drum conveyor means (6) in a radial direction relative to the pocket (7) itself.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterised in that it further comprises ~~comprising~~ compensating means (9) positioned and acting at each forming head (13) in ~~such manner as to~~ unwind defined lengths of the first web (12) to create a slack excess portion of the first web (12) that is used up by and makes up for the portion that slides towards the pocket (7) when the head (13) moves towards the pocket (7) to form the impression ~~(L)~~.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 9, characterised in that ~~wherein~~ the compensating means (9) comprise, for each head ~~(13)~~, a pair of pins (24) located on opposite sides of the head (13) and mobile towards and away from the first web (12) of filter material, under the pushing action of the cam means ~~(23)~~, in a direction substantially radial to the pocket (7) and forming head ~~(13)~~.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 1 to 10~~ claim 1, characterised in that ~~wherein~~ the second feed line (A) is defined by the feeding of the second web (11) of filter material which supports an ordered succession of doses (4) of the infusion product, each dose (4) being designed to be associated with a respective impression (L) of the first web ~~(12)~~.

Claim 12. (New) The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the suction means are designed to hold the first web and the forming head within the pocket for a defined length of time while the revolving drum conveyor means turn.

Claim 13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein each forming head is associated with a stabilising plate designed to stabilise the respective edges of the first web at the pocket to enable the top of the pocket to be substantially closed during the step of impressing the first web.